

" war, it has never yet been brought promi-  
 " nently before the public; yet it clearly  
 " proves that the defence of Canada, then  
 " rested with its inhabitants. We find that  
 " though they consisted principally of the old  
 " U. E. Loyalists and their descendants, the  
 " native indians who had been dispossessed  
 " of their possessions in the United States,  
 " and their descendants, together with resi-  
 " dents from the United States—emigration  
 " from the Mother country not having been  
 " commenced to any extent,—a population  
 " thus composed, not exceeding in Upper  
 " Canada, at most 90,000, without troops,  
 " without munitions of war, without resour-  
 " ces, and without the least expectation of any  
 " timely aid from the mother country, with a  
 " few troops, unable to contend against a  
 " powerful nation, numbering about 8,000,000  
 " with munitions of war, and resources with-  
 " out limit, within a comparatively short dis-  
 " tance from maritime cities, also numerous  
 " forces at command, of which they were not  
 " slow of apprising us, in the proclamations  
 " circulated from time to time,—it was under